

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-7 are pending in the application.

The examiner has indicated the application is in condition for allowance but for some minor formalities matters which are attended to in this response.

The expression "characterized by" in claim 1 has been deleted thus using the traditional "comprising" transitional phrase. Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance as are the claims dependent from it.

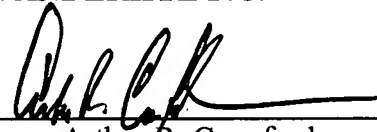
With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 6, 2006, "The reference" refers to Taiwanese patent 536614. The IDS indicates that this Taiwanese patent corresponds to Japanese patent application laid open (KOKAI) 2002-90048 which was considered, thus the Information Disclosure Statement has been appropriately reviewed.

A Notice of Allowance is awaited. If for any reason this response does not place all claims in condition for allowance, the examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: _____



Arthur R. Crawford
Reg. No. 25,327

ARC:eaw
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203-1808
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100